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Dear Josh:

This is an initial reply to your set of requests regarding environmental lead contamination.

First of all, the senior person in PHS to contact further is: Mr. Dohrman Byers, Chief, Division of Occupational Injury and Disease Control, Bureau of Occupational Safety and Health, 1014 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. I am having bibliographic search made for you and hope to send some material to you shortly. At the same time I will enclose a copy of PHS publication 1440. Incidentally, as Joe Moran has already written to you, some information regarding PHS grants in this and other areas is available from the two volumes of research grants index. Moran will send you a set if you would like to have them.

Turning to another matter, let me say I very much enjoyed your latest column on the March 4 research strike. It will be interesting to see if the afternoon or tomorrow morning's papers carry any information on this. What I especially appreciated in your column was the distinction you made between the intent of this endeavor and its outcome. As we have already discussed, this seems to be one of the critical distinctions that needs to be made in any efforts at social action today.

It is coincidental that on the very same page in the Washington Post William S. White had a column on campus disorders in which he points out the interest of the White House in this whole area and the interchange between President Nixon and Hesburgh of Notre Dame. This entire area, as you know already too well, is perhaps the most dramatic example of today's problems in which the distinction between intent and outcome and between perception and reality provides the key to both an understanding and hopefully a resolution of the conflict.

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But I am beginning to touch here on some of the long-range efforts that we want to discuss further with you and Dave Hamburg later this Spring.

I will try to get the rest of material on the lead problem to you by the end of the week. I hope to be able to chat with you when you come in for the Council meeting.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eli A. Rubinstein" in a cursive, slightly stylized script.

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